

**AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE
TO H.R. 95
OFFERED BY MS. BROWNLEY OF CALIFORNIA**

Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Veterans’ Access to
3 Child Care Act”.

4 **SEC. 2. CHILD CARE ASSISTANCE FOR VETERANS RECEIV-**
5 **ING MENTAL HEALTH CARE AND OTHER IN-**
6 **TENSIVE HEALTH CARE SERVICES PROVIDED**
7 **BY THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AF-**
8 **FAIRS.**

9 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subchapter III of chapter 17 of
10 title 38, United States Code, is amended by adding at the
11 end the following new section:

12 **“§ 1730B. Child care assistance for veterans receiving**
13 **mental health care and other intensive**
14 **health care services**

15 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall provide child
16 care assistance to an eligible veteran for any period that
17 the veteran—

1 “(1) receives covered health care services at a
2 facility of the Department; and

3 “(2) is required travel to and return from such
4 facility for the receipt of such health care services.

5 “(b) CHILD CARE ASSISTANCE.—(1) Child care as-
6 sistance provided under this section may include any of
7 the following:

8 “(A) A stipend for the payment of child care of-
9 fered by a licensed child care center (either directly
10 or through a voucher program) which shall be, to
11 the extent practicable, modeled after the Depart-
12 ment of Veterans Affairs Child Care Subsidy Pro-
13 gram established pursuant to section 590 of title 40.

14 “(B) Direct provision of child care at an on-site
15 facility of the Department.

16 “(C) A payment made directly to a private child
17 care agency.

18 “(D) A collaboration with a facility or program
19 of another Federal department or agency.

20 “(E) Such other form of assistance as the Sec-
21 retary considers appropriate.

22 “(2) In the case that child care assistance under this
23 section is provided as a stipend under paragraph (1)(A),
24 such stipend shall cover the full cost of such child care.

25 “(c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

1 “(1) The term ‘eligible veteran’ means a vet-
2 eran who—

3 “(A) is the primary caretaker of a child or
4 children; and

5 “(B) is—

6 “(i) receiving covered health care serv-
7 ices from the Department; or

8 “(ii) in need of covered health care
9 services, and but for lack of child care
10 services, would receive such covered health
11 care services from the Department.

12 “(2) The term ‘covered health care services’
13 means—

14 “(A) regular mental health care services;

15 “(B) intensive mental health care services;

16 or

17 “(C) such other intensive health care serv-
18 ices that the Secretary determines that provi-
19 sion of assistance to the veteran to obtain child
20 care would improve access to such health care
21 services by the veteran.”.

22 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections
23 at the beginning of such chapter is amended by inserting
24 after the item relating to section 1730A the following new
25 item:

“1730B. Child care for veterans receiving mental health care and other intensive health care services.”.

1 **SEC. 3. EXTENSION OF REDUCTION IN AMOUNT OF PEN-**
2 **SION FURNISHED BY DEPARTMENT OF VET-**
3 **ERANS AFFAIRS FOR CERTAIN VETERANS**
4 **COVERED BY MEDICAID PLANS FOR SERV-**
5 **ICES FURNISHED BY NURSING FACILITIES.**

6 Section 5503(d)(7) of title 38, United States Code,
7 is amended by striking “September 30, 2024” and insert-
8 ing “September 30, 2026”.

9 **SEC. 4. EXTENSION OF REQUIREMENT FOR COLLECTION**
10 **OF FEES FOR HOUSING LOANS GUARANTEED**
11 **BY SECRETARY OF VETERANS AFFAIRS.**

12 Section 3729(b)(2) of title 38, United States Code,
13 is amended—

14 (1) in subparagraph (A)—

15 (A) in clause (iii), by striking “September
16 30, 2024” and inserting “December 31, 2024”;
17 and

18 (B) in clause (iv), by striking “September
19 30, 2024” and inserting “December 31, 2024”;

20 (2) in subparagraph (B)—

21 (A) in clause (i), by striking “September
22 30, 2024” and inserting “December 31, 2024”;
23 and

1 (B) in clause (ii), by striking “September
2 30, 2024” and inserting “December 31, 2024”;
3 (3) in subparagraph (C)—

4 (A) in clause (i), by striking “September
5 30, 2024” and inserting “December 31, 2024”;
6 and

7 (B) in clause (ii), by striking “September
8 30, 2024” and inserting “December 31, 2024”;
9 and
10 (4) in subparagraph (D)—

11 (A) in clause (i), by striking “September
12 30, 2024” and inserting “December 31, 2024”;
13 and

14 (B) in clause (ii), by striking “September
15 30, 2024” and inserting “December 31, 2024”.

Amend the title so as to read: “A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to provide child care assistance to veterans receiving certain medical services provided by the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.”.

